

Milwaukee County

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COUNTY BOARD TAKES LEAD IN IMPROVING HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Supervisor Dimitrijevic applauds Board members for their support

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic issued the following statement on the County Board's Economic & Community Development and Health & Human Needs Committees unanimously approving a resolution to provide quality housing for 48 mentally ill patients living in Milwaukee County:

"The County Board is taking an extremely positive step forward. I commend my colleagues on the Economic & Community Development and Health & Human Needs Committees for their support on this important issue. We've identified more than 80 low-income individuals with mental illness living in substandard conditions. With this \$500,000 commitment from the County, we'll be able to provide affordable quality housing for 48 of these individuals. We're now 60 percent closer to a solution for people in our community who need it most. I hope we continue to make providing quality mental health services a priority in 2007."

The full County Board will vote on the resolution at its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 1, in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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